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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Policy on Extremist Organizations

1. The enclosed message reiterates the responsibility of all commanders to ensure that Soldiers are aware of the Army's commitment to protecting the rights of all, regardless of race, color, creed, gender, religion, or national origin.
2. In accordance with Army policy, extremist organizations and activities are those that advocate racial, gender, or ethnic hatred or intolerance; advocate, create, or engage in illegal discrimination; or advocate the use of force, violence, or unlawful means to deprive individuals of their rights under the U.S. Constitution or the laws of the United States.
3. Although Soldiers are entitled to their personal beliefs, commanders have the authority to prohibit military personnel from engaging or participating in any activities that the commander determines will adversely affect morale, good order, and discipline within the command. This includes, but is not limited to, the authority to order the removal of symbols, flags, posters, or other displays from barracks. Additionally, commanders have the responsibility to counsel Soldiers on the consequences of their activities or membership in extremist organizations.
4. Extremist activities and organization threaten the cohesiveness and effectiveness of a unit and thereby hinder the accomplishment of the mission. You have the responsibility to educate your Soldiers on the dangers of extremist activities and on the possible consequences of their participation in such activities.

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